GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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E-TAXATION OF NORTH EASTERN REGION
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to popularize the concept of E-taxation in the North Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government proposes to popularize the concept of E-taxation in the North East Region.

As far as direct taxes are concerned, various initiatives undertaken by the Government for e- governance in the Income-tax Department are being implemented in the North East Region also. For this purpose, Income-tax Department has set up a Regional Computer Centre (RCC) at Shillong.

As far as indirect taxes are concerned, the Government has provided the facility of electronic filing of monthly/quarterly excise returns, namely, ER-1, ER-2, ER-3 under Central Excise Rules, 2002 and dealers return prescribed under sub-rule (6) of rule 7 of the CENVAT Credit Rules, 2002 to all manufacturers of excisable goods, EOUs and registered dealers with effect from 30.06.2004.The facility to file excise returns electronically is optional, and is available to all assessees.

Similarly E-payment of excise duty became operational from 11th May, 2005, to all assessees.However it has now been made mandatory for major assessees that is, those paying annual duty of more than Rs. 50 lakh, w.e.f. April, 2007 in Central Excise.